

## ABSTRACT

The data processing apparatus (200) holds information about free area which enables writing at specific or more speed  
5 in a recording area of an information recording medium (100) including the recording area composed of plural blocks, in a valid free area manager (240). A free area which enables writing at specific or more speed is a block including more than a specified number of unused clusters. The data processing apparatus (200),  
10 when necessary to record data to a new free area in the information recording medium (100), refers to the information held in the valid free area manager (240), searches for a free area, and writes data into the searched area.